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1. EMBASSY'S REPORT IN REFTEL CONCERNING UPGRADING OF KUWAIT PLANNING FUNCTION TO NEW MINISTRY OF PLANNING HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY REPORTS IN MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY AND BULLETIN OF AMERICAN - ARAB ASSOCIATION ON KUWAIT'S PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING:

- 1) RELATION OF PLANNING BOARD TO NEW MINISTRY; 2) INDICATIONS OF POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF MINISTRY; 3) STATUS, SIZE, COMPOSITION AND MAJOR EMPHASES OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN;
- 4) POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF PLAN: E.G., WILL IT BE USED AS GENUINE PLANNING DOCUMENT OR ONLY AS GENERAL GUIDELINES AS WITH LAST PLAN; AND 5) KUWAIT'S LIKELIHOOD OF ACHIEVING PLAN'S GOALS, AND POSSIBLE OBSTACLES.

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